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By the Kings Maiesties Surueyor of coales

to be ſhipped at *Newcaſtle* vpon *Tyne*, *Sunderland*, and *Blythe*, and other places adiacent, to be brought to the City of *London*, or otherwiſe to be ſpent within the Realme of ENGLAND.

THE Kings moſt Excellent Maieſtie, affecting nothing more then the good of his louing Subiects in generall, and hauing beene very credibly informed of the great abuſes and Wrongs daily committed in mingling amongſt coales, commonly called Newcaſtle coales, much blacke Earth, Dirt, Slate, and other bad ſtuffe not fit to burne or ſerue for firing, and ſo mingled are brought and vttered within the Realme of England, and thereby for the moſt part the ſame Newcaſtle coales are made vnmerchantable, to the great hurt and preiudice of the buyers thereof, as well Noblemen, Knights, Gentlemen, and other his Maieſties louing Subiects, Who partly for the preſeruation of Woods, and partly for the ſcarcitie of Woods, doe for the moſt part burne of the ſame.

Hath beene graciouſly pleaſed by his Highneſſe Letters Patents, vnder his Maieſties great Seale of England, bearing date the ſixe and twentieth day of February, in the thirteenth yeere of his Maieſties raigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the nine and fortieth, to prohibit and ſuppreſſe ſuch Wrongs and abuſes as aforeſaid: And to appoint the foreſaid Surueyor to be Surueyor of the ſaid coales, Who, or his Deputie, or Deputies, are to be attending and attendant in and about the ſearching, viewing, ſeeing, and ſurueying of the ſaid coales: And are appointed to informe and complaine againſt ſuch as ſhall offend in ſuch mingling or vttering of vnmerchantable coales, as aforeſaid: And to haue a Seale of office, vnder which to certifie What coales, and of what ſort of goodneſſe of coales, any Maſter, Owner, or Shipper, doe or ſhall take in, fraught, or lade into their Ships or Barkes at the places aboueſaid, to be brought to the Citie of London, or otherwiſe to bee ſpent within this Realme of England, to the end that the buyers of the ſame coales may the better know and be informed of the goodneſſe or badneſſe of them.

And therefore if any perſon, or perſons, ſhall at any time, or times hereafter, haue any cauſe or cauſes of complaint againſt any Maſter, Owner, Shipper, or others, for bringing, vttering, or ſelling vnto them ſuch vnmerchantable coales as aforeſaid: Let him or them ſo grieued, repaire vnto Andrew Boyde Eſquier, his Maieſties Surueyor in that behalfe appointed, or vnto his Deputie or Deputies, at his Offices hereunder mentioned, and there in Writing (without any charge to ſuch as ſhall ſo complaine) leaue his or their cauſe or cauſes of complaint touching the premiſes, & ſpeedie information, according to the proviſion of the ſaid Letters Patents, ſhall be made & giuen againſt ſuch as doe or ſhall offend againſt the ſame Letters Patents: As his Maieſties moſt gracious pleaſure is therein ſignified.

The Offices for receiuing of ſuch complaints concerning the abuſes aboueſaid, The one that is for the Citie of *London* is kept at *Dowgate*: And the other Office is kept in the Towne of *Newcaſtle* vpon *Tyne*.

God ſaue the King.